THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There are no Central Government Institutions in Bihar working for the conservation of ancient literature of Santhals and Pahariya.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Statutory Status to National Council for Teachers Education

3314. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give statutory status to the National Cuncil for Teachers Education; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, in view of the provisions made in the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, and Programme of Action (POA) prepared for implementation of NPE. The NPE state 'National Council for Teacher Education will be provided the necessary resources and capability to accredit institutions of teacher education and provide guidance regarding curricula and methods." The POA prepared for implementation of NPE states that "NCTE has not been able to guide the system of Teacher Education. Some of the difficulties are inherent in its constitution. To remedy this, it will be conferred autonomous and statutory status."

It is, therefore, proposed to confer statutory status on the National Council for Teacher Education, inter-alia,

(a) to create mechanism for determination and maintenance of standards of Teacher Education;

(b) to regulate institutions of teacher education with a view to phasing-out-sub-standard malpractising institutions;

(c) to lay emphasis on continuing education of teachers;

(d) to reduce the gap between supply and demand of trained personnel.

[*Translation*]

Computer Education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

3315. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a scheme to impart computer education in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is to be imparted through some private institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the conditions therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). Excepting the CLASS (Computer Literacy Awareness Scheme for Schools) there are no other Computer Courses in the Kendriya Vidyalayas. However some computer firms have offered a scheme of computer literacy to Kendriya Vidyalaya students on a voluntary basis.

Under the scheme in the premises of Kendriya Vidyalays after class hours, com-

puter literacy can be taught by the firm to those students who volunteer to pay some fee to the firm. This scheme,on an experimental basis, is being proposed for some selected Kendriya Vidyalays in Delhi for which some firms have made offers and the response of the students is being assessed. A fee of Rs. 400/- per year per head for classes I to V, Rs. 45/- for classes VI to VIII and Rs. 500/- for classes IX to XII has been proposed.

[*English*]

Funds for Schools and Colleges

3316. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the funds allotted to Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalsayas, Indian Institute of Technology and Engineering Colleges separately, during last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): A Statement is attached.